

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

- 1.-4. (Canceled)
5. (New) A structure for preventing infection or reproduction of pathogenic germs or reducing the number of ubiquitously present germs in a body cavity of a living organism, comprising a shaped body made of a medically acceptable material having bacteriostatic or bactericide properties for placement in the body cavity and against a wall of the body cavity.
6. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the body cavity is a female vagina.
7. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the shaped body is a hollow body.
8. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the shaped body is a hollow hemisphere.
9. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the shaped body is made of metal.
10. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the shaped body is made of fine silver.
11. (New) The structure of claim 5, further comprising a recapture member attached to the shaped body (3) for retrieving the shaped body from the body cavity.
12. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the recapture member is a thread.
13. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the recapture member is a flexible wire.

14. (New) The structure of claim 5, wherein the recapture member is a silver wire.